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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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WHOLE TRUTH EDITOR TRANSFERRED

The Church of God in Christ Publishing Board announces the transfer of Elder James Whitehead from the position of Whole Truth editor to sole editor of the Y.P.W.W. topics. A move designed to provide greater service to the church, the board felt it necessary that Elder Whitehead devote his full efforts to the Y.P.W.W. topics which he has served as editor the past twelve years. He has been editor of the Whole Truth for ten years.

Recently, the massive responsibility of writing the Y.P.W.W. curriculum and editing the official organ of the church became too much of a burden and needed lifting. This is mostly because of the greater

responsibility placed on Elder Whitehead by the growth of his local church. Currently Elder Whitehead's local church, the Saint City Church of God in Christ, is flourishing. Seven years ago when he was received as pastor, only five saints welcomed him to a church that had a property value of \$20,000. Today, Elder Whitehead pastors nearly 200 saints, and the property has a replacement value of \$1.5 million.

The members of the publishing board consider Elder Whitehead's transfer as a time to reflect over those years of service and acknowledge the contributions made by him. He has made a significant contribution to the continued

development of the church. The Whole Truth paper has undergone vast changes during his tenure as editor. Elder Whitehead has received an award of "Distinguished Service" from the Publishing Board and an award of "Outstanding Achievement" from Bishop J. O. Patterson.

Now Elder Whitehead's chief assignment will be the writing and editing of the Y.P.W.W. topics. He has faithfully served in this capacity and remains an integral part of the national church operation.

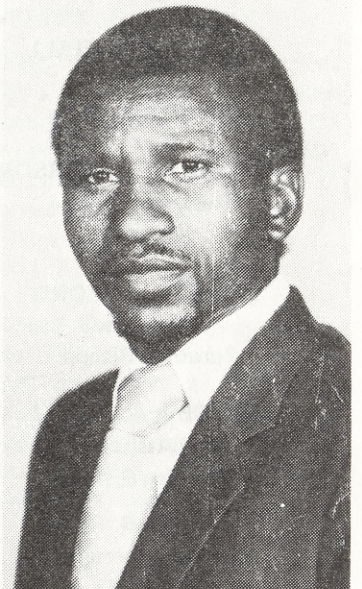
As president of the board, allow me this opportunity to announce the revamping of the Y.P.W.W. materials. The

emphasis will change from learning through discussion to learning through training. The training aspect in the curriculum will focus on the Bible, COGIC doctrine, Christian living and Christian witness.

To replace Elder Whitehead as editor, the board has selected Elder David Hall. He has previously served as the Publishing Board Representative of the church. Pray that God will inspire him to great services as the Whole Truth editor.

May God bless Elder Whitehead and Elder Hall.

Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, President
COGIC Publishing Board



ELDER DAVID HALL
Editor

REALITY OF DREAMS

by

L. Diane Bennett

A couple of years ago, I had the opportunity of substituting for a college professor in freshman English Composition. During the course of the lecture, I shared with the students, the importance of ORGANIZATION. Organization of thoughts, of processes, of people and of organizations, and the fact that the orderly flow and progression of ANYTHING, requires proper ORGANIZATION.

I proceeded to give the class examples. One, the old "too many chiefs, not enough indians" analogy. Before I could give example two, one of the students asked the SOUL-SEARCHING, ONE-WORD question - - - WHY?

In response to the question, that seemed extremely obvious to ME, I discussed the basics of English Composition in explicit details. However, after the class and until this day - I still wonder whether the student was questioning the principles of writing or my explanation of the NECESSITY OF ORGANIZATION.

This situation, I have found is indicative of many human encounters, in the sense that people have REAL problems ACCEPTING THEIR ROLE in an ORGANIZATION - especially if it is an "indian role" and NOT a "chief role".

All my life, I have been a member of the Church of God in Christ and my affiliation with it has been a source of great pride

and dignity. I was one of those students that checked the "other" box on forms and applications and WROTE IN "Church of God in Christ", when asked my religious affiliation.

From the time my Pastor's voice (Bishop J. H. Sherman) was recognizable to me - he always taught pride, history, events and respect for the Church and its Leadership. I can thank him for not only teaching that to us, but for providing us with the PERFECT EXAMPLE - THE LIFE HE LIVES.

Therefore, I look at the past 8 - 12 months of activities with much concern and bewilderment. We have been subjected to an array of unsophisticated, self-serving attacks and aspersions cast upon OUR leader - Bishop J. O. Patterson. We have watched with our mouths gaped, as the bumbling "booby traps" have attempted to sabotage, first, Saints' Center and now, All Saints' University. We have listened as "these people" have verbally insinuated "foul play" on the part of OUR Present Administration.

I was a lay delegate to the Constitution Convention, am the lay delegate from my Jurisdiction to the General Assembly and consider myself somewhat astute with regard to the Church's Constitution. I have sat in each of the aforementioned settings and watched as people have caucused, and lobbied others

into destroying the DREAMS of thousands of young people in OUR Church.

Consequently, I am forced to ask the question, the freshman asked me - WHY? I find that the explanation I gave the class is very appropriate for my present dilemma. There are individuals in our Church who have problems accepting their role as an "INDIAN".

Youth all over the Country look forward to the development of Saints' Center. The Amphitheater, where OUR talented, young performing artists can express themselves through the Arts in a facility that belongs to them, is LONG overdue.

One of the most disheartening scenes I have witnessed in a long time was the sight of a young woman, getting off of the bus, here in Charlotte, enroute to the PTL Complex. She was going to audition for a background (vocals) spot with the Heritage Singers. She was in search of a DREAM. She was trying to grasp that "rainbow" with no real guarantee that this audition would be her BIG BREAK. Here was a young lady, full of talent but nowhere in HER Church to exhibit it. I wept within, over the obvious waste of human talent and ability - a PRODUCT OF the Church of God in Christ, RAISED BY the Saints but unable to realize her fullest POTENTIAL WITH the Saints.

Then, there are the young people in my local Church who

are much closer to my heart than this PERSON sitting in our Sanctuary, awaiting the PTL bus. These young people want to study medicine, law, become a nurse, a missionary, a professional singer, a professional musician, a minister and they want to begin these careers in a Christian environment. They speak of nothing more than ASU and "when I go to ASU". Some, have even had - "I'm bound for ASU" printed on their favorite T-shirts and jackets.

These young people know nothing about the Constitution, the General Board, the General Assembly or the General chaos that is trying to overshadow their DREAMS. They know and identify with one man - BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON - THE DREAM MERCHANT. It does not interest them that we are in the midst of an election year, it does not matter who is elected or re-elected - they only know that - "The Chief (Bishop Patterson) will do what he says". THEY ARE COUNTING ON HIM TO GIVE THEM REALITY AND A FUTURE IN THEIR CHURCH.

I, along with thousands of other youth Leaders, hold the activities to discredit and cast a cloud of doubt upon OUR Leader in contempt. How dare these people try to stagnate OUR Church's development for selfish purposes. Who gave them the authority to perform religious genocide on OUR youth - born and unborn?

Have we become so personality-conscious that we are unable to cooperate with GOD'S MAN? Are we trapped in the "if I'm not doing it, it ain't nothing" mindset? Have WE, Saints allowed others to use OUR emotions and petty differences to destroy the future of OUR Church - in the name of some vague, misguided force called "progress and accountability"? How many of THESE PEOPLE allow their Deacon and Trustee Board to wage such tactics on them?

I am very much in favor of accountability, credibility and business ethics in the Church. However, I abhor the MOTIVE and MANNER in which it has been introduced. For it is extremely obvious that this recent surge for "procedural excellence" is an "appropriate" FOOTHOLD to wage an attack on OUR Presiding Bishop. Apparently, the Scripture, Galatians 2:2 ("those of reputation privately"), was deleted from their Bible. However, THESE people say that they are attempting to better the Church. How can you make the Body feel better by killing the Head?

Conclusively, I pose the following axioms:

+Bishop J. O. Patterson has provided OUR Church with the greatest Leadership - EVER.

He has given OUR Church a new awareness and sophistication.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

TITHES
WHAT ARE THEY FOR?

As editor of the Whole Truth newspaper, I see a number of interesting letters daily and most reflect the concern saints have for the church. One such letter came to my attention the other day. It was from a saint whose sincere desire to provide ministry from the local church was being hampered by a debate over use of tithes. This saint's name, location, sex and status are unimportant, as this person represents most clear thinking individuals. The question was one of tithe usage in the overall function of the local church.

Simply stated, this saint asked me about the tithing system - whether there is a rule which governs the local church's use of tithes? It seems that this saint's pastor pays the required 10% of the National Tithing Program. I commend him for that. The remaining 90% is kept by him and used at his personal discretion. He also enjoys the proceeds from revivals, choir functions, Fifth Sunday activities, Friday night offerings and from First and Third Sunday's offerings. Because the pastor is receiving all of this in addition to the tithes, the saint is concerned that the church is left struggling. Therefore, the saint asked me for a rule of local church finance. Sadly, there is no established rule to govern the use of tithes. Our tradition is solid, as many local churches

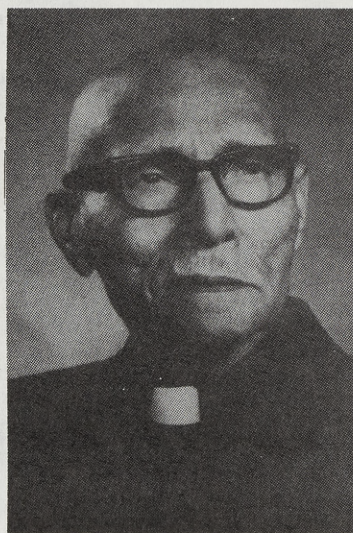
have been built by loving and wise pastors and congregations.

In essence, the real problem is how does one determine the credibility of the leadership. Make no mistake, the pastor is entitled to use the tithes. How much? That is a good question! To answer that allow me to use the presiding bishop's practical-theological understanding of the National Tithing Program. His program is designed to strengthen the national church and, eventually, every facet of ministry. The following is how he states the use of tithes.

The monies received from the COGIC Pastor's tithe will help to finance (1) the expansion of missionary work, (2) the enhancement of the COGIC college program, (3) meeting the continued and spiralling expenses of building and maintenance, (4) National church and program administration, and (5) for other worthwhile national, regional, and local purposes.

The above quote is an excellent statement in the use of tithes. Hopefully, it will serve to benefit your local pastor. Hopefully, it will give saints everywhere some understanding of the constructive uses of tithes in the local church setting.

Editor

PASTOR CELEBRATES
100TH BIRTHDAY

ELDER E. A. MCNEELY

Supt. Eugene Anthony McNeely celebrated his 100th birthday on September 21, 1984. The saints of his congregation, the Church of God in Christ Temple, gathered with others from around Indiana's Northern Jurisdiction to honor this man of God. Elder McNeely still pastors and preaches to his congregation in South Bend, Indiana. He is known and loved all over the state. To celebrate his birthday, a lovely evening was planned. A dinner was held at the beautiful Saints Memorial Church of God in Christ where Elder Carl Steen is pastor. The theme for the dinner was "Reflections", and it was an evening to remember.

Sending Elder McNeely congratulations were President Ronald Reagan and his wife,

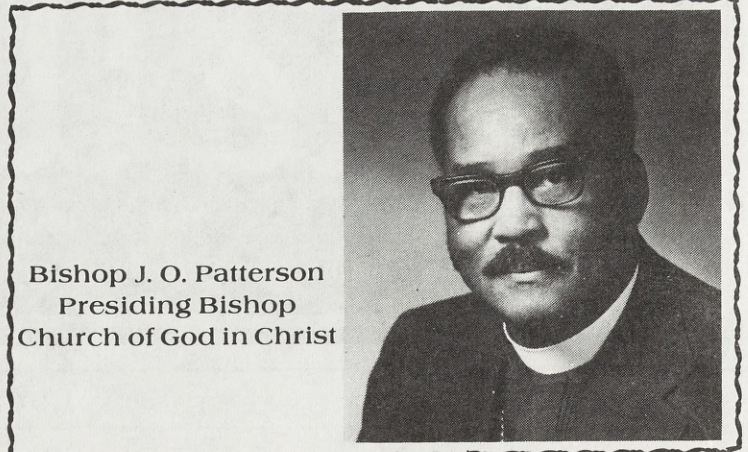
Nancy. The Governor of Indiana, Robert D. Orr sent an official tribute from his office. The Mayor of the city, Roger O. Parent, offered wishes for a Happy Birthday, likewise. Possibly, the one presentation which meant the most was from Bishop William O. Blakely of Indiana. Elder McNeely received the "Most Valuable Person Award" from the bishop, pastors and saints of Indiana. The letter of commendation read as follows:

The Lord's richest blessings have been and continue to shower you. May I take this opportunity along with all of the Executive Board and the entire Northern Indiana Jurisdiction to congratulate you on your 100th birthday celebration.

It is certainly comforting to be able to pay tribute to a man of your caliber on such an occasion. Your promulgation of the gospel these past 60 years will be difficult to parallel.

Eugene Anthony McNeely was born September 21, 1884, in Tyler, Texas. He was different from most blacks, as he was taken out of a public school and placed in a private school. Elder McNeely has always been a soft spoken and intelligent man. A quality person is often the exception, even in the face of extreme circumstances like racial prejudice. Education has always

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****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT****

I am very pleased to announce that the following nine persons have been selected to receive the President's Award.

ESTELLE ELAM CASSIMERE
DEBORAH E. JOHNSON
RACHEL Q. JOHNSON
MARY F. LENOX
PATRICIA JEAN LEWIS
EUGENE B. McCOY
JEFF PARKER
MARY MAGDALENE SHEDRICK
MARSHALL J. TURNER

Because of dedicated service to humanity, the Special Recognition Award is presented to:

SUPERINTENDENT JAMES L. WHITEHEAD, SR.

The persons listed below are deserving of Honourable Mention

Evelyn Gassett Bunton
Valerie R. Daniels-Carter
Laura Castleberry
Camon Collins
Dorothy Dukes
Cynthia Harris
Helen G. D. Hatley

Albert S. Hawkins
Walter B. Houston
Oscar Jefferson
Edward McAllister
Thelma W. Pool
Viola Smith
Charmane Walker

The President's Award Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 1984, at 8:00 P.M., during the Evening Worship Service of the Annual International Holy Convocation in the Everett R. Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

SPECIAL NOTICE

THE RECORDING CONCERT

OF THE

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ARTISTS HAS BEEN POSTPONED

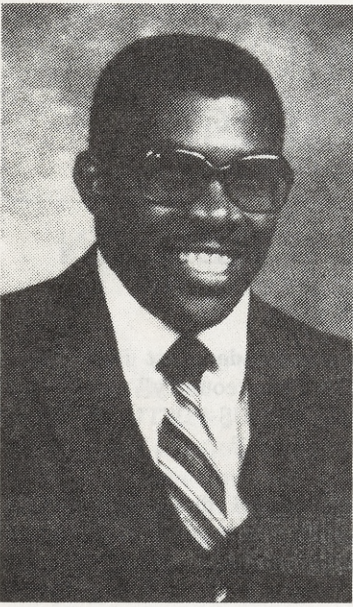
UNTIL 1985. FURTHER NOTICE

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PUBLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

MRS. SARA JORDAN POWELL
DIRECTOR OF FINE ARTS

CHURCH NEWS



ELDER TED THOMAS

In what will long be remembered as one of the most colorful, historical, and joyous CONSECRATION SERVICES of our time, BISHOP TED THOMAS, SR., was installed as BISHOP of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ in Virginia.

The CONSECRATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES were held at the NEW COMMUNITY COGIC, 3801 TYRE NECK ROAD, in the Churchland Section of Portsmouth, Virginia, one of the local assemblies pastored by our newly appointed leader.

This CONSECRATION SERVICE was witnessed by a capacity crowd of approximately eleven hundred persons. Closed Circuit television was provided in the THOMAS EDUCATIONAL CENTER and this service was taped by T-TAC MEDIA SERVICES. VCR tapes were available for those who wanted to make this historical event a part of their individual libraries.

The State Choir, under the direction of Brother Anthony Olds of the South Norfolk District, was superb as it rendered glorious hymns and anthems appropriate for the occasion.

The beautiful procession of the GENERAL BOARD, which started at approximately 8:30 PM, was led by our illustrious PRESIDING BISHOP AND CHIEF APOSTLE, BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON, of WORLD HEADQUARTERS in MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. He was followed by the Bishop F. D. Washington of Brooklyn, New York; the Bishop J. D. Husband of Atlanta, Georgia; the Bishop Chandler Owens of Newark, New Jersey; the Bishop Leroy Anderson of Buffalo, New York; the Bishop Cleveland Anderson of Detroit, Michigan; the Bishop Jacob Cohen of Miami, Florida; and the Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Other Bishops present were: Bishop J. Howard Sherman, Chairman of the Board of Bishops; Bishop Doswell, Prelate of Maryland; Bishop S. L. Green, Prelate of the Second Jurisdiction of Virginia; Bishop L. E. Willis, Prelate of the Third Jurisdiction of Virginia and Chairman of the General Assembly; and Bishop P. A. Brooks, Prelate of Michigan

Northeast and Chief Adjutant.

Bishop Brooks planned and assisted with this most unique and heartfelt service. It was with his guidance and assistance to our Jurisdiction that helped us to bring this beautiful service to fruition.

Following the entrance of the General Board, Bishop Thomas was escorted by Supt. Solomon Ferebee, South Norfolk District Superintendent, and his Assistant Superintendent, Elder Thurlian Burden. They carried the new vestments in which our Bishop would be clothed as well as the Bishop's ring and cross.

The state was stirred to evangelize as they listened to Bishop Patterson give statistics indicating the need for labourers in God's vineyard. He emphasized the fact that Avon, Inc., and Amway Products have more ambassadors per person than our GOD. Saints listened in amazement as he created a desire in us to bring in this plenteous harvest.

"RISKY BUSINESS" was the thought and warning delivered to our newly appointed Bishop, Bishop Ted Thomas, Sr. The messenger of this great admonition was the Bishop J. D. Husband, our Regional Representative. He warned us that roles of leadership bring "problems, heartaches, conflicts, denials, tribulations, and trials." IT'S RISKY BUSINESS! "But, Bishop Thomas, you must go on to do the work of God regardless of what's taking place. Always remember that working with the people of God can be RISKY BUSINESS."

Following the message, Bishop Patterson-assisted by the General Board-having received the presentation of the new Bishop by Bishop J. Howard Sherman, CONSECRATED AND INSTALLED BISHOP THOMAS. Bishop Leroy Anderson delivered the CONSECRATION PRAYER after which Bishop Thomas received and accepted his new charge.

With the help of the Chief Adjutant, Bishop P. A. Brooks and Dr. Jesse Ellis, Adjutant, Bishop Thomas was dressed in the Purple Cincture, Rochet, Chimere, the cross, and the ring. The saints signalled these activities as the most impressive, consecrated, and beautifully explained events ever witnessed. Bishop Patterson explained to the audience what each piece of the Bishop's vestment represented as well as the significance of the Bishop's cross and ring.

The City of Portsmouth honored Bishop Patterson with a presentation delivered by Mr. Edinburgh D. Corprew, City Councilman, who represented Mayor James Holley.

Following the recessional, the GENERAL BOARD, Superintendents and families, and District Missionaries and families were honored with a reception at the home of Bishop

and Mrs. Ted Thomas, Sr. The hostess for this affair was Mother Thelma G. Vaughan, State Supervisor and the Department of Women.

Bishop Thomas was honored with an Inaugural Luncheon on Saturday, July 7, at the OMNI INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, WATERSIDE, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA. The saints were beautifully attired and God put HIS approval on this event also. Bishop J. Howard Sherman, Prelate of North Carolina No. 2, and Chairman of the Board of Bishops was the Luncheon Speaker. He used this opportunity to encourage us to continue to build up our Jurisdiction and to obey our Newly Appointed Leader. The house was electrified and GOD was magnified as each of our speakers gave tribute to our newly appointed leader.

On hand to present a proclamation from the City of Portsmouth was Councilman Edinburgh Corprew-who prefaced presentation of a proclamation proclaiming

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT

The month of November 1984 has been designated as SPECIAL ENROLLMENT MONTH.

During this SPECIAL ENROLLMENT period, the Church of God in Christ Hospital Fund will waive the waiting period on pre-existing medical conditions, on any church member's application received during the month of November 1984.

With the introduction of the new "Major Medical Plan", No. 1-B, and increased room under plan No. 3. 3-A, 3-B, and 3-C, everyone should take advantage of this SPECIAL ENROLLMENT.

The primary objective of the Church of God in Christ Hospital Fund shall be to assist, aid, and accomodate in the dissemination of Christian service. The Church is obligated to make a provision for such circumstances, as this would seem to be in line with Christ's teachings. The Lord stated that the care for the sick or the failure to do so, is a matter that would be taken into consideration on the day of judgment (Matt. 25:36, 43). For these reasons, it would seem that the church should seek to make provision for her members when they have medical needs.

This program was officially adopted by the General Assembly in Memphis,

"CHANGE AND ANOTHER WAY"

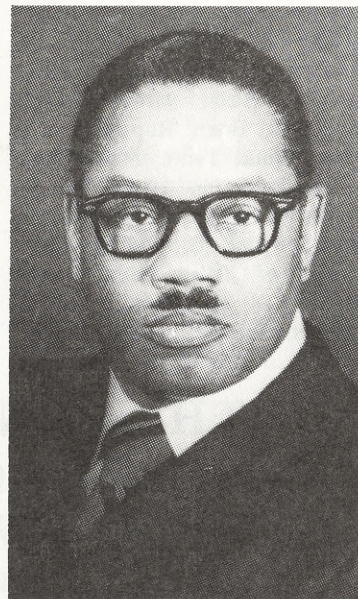
DR. ISAAC R. CLARK F. E. CALLAWAY PROF. OF PREACHING INTERDENOMINATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTER SUMMER OF 1984

To be sure, most Americans

Saturday, July 7, 1984, BISHOP TED THOMAS DAY in Portsmouth, Virginia-with the statement that "NORFOLK HAS IT'S BISHOP, NEWPORT NEWS HAS IT'S BISHOP, AND NOW PORTSMOUTH HAS IT'S BISHOP." He then read and presented a proclamation to our new leader for his assistance to Civic Leaders in our Community.

Special out of town guests for these most beautiful events during the weekend of July 6, were: Dr. George Williams, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Elder Drummond, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Elder J. L. Clifton, The Power House COGIC, and Visiting Ministers from Salisbury, Maryland; Elder Jerome Chambers, St. Louis, Missouri; and Mother Mary Garlic, Newark, New Jersey.

Along with the other two local Jurisdictional Bishops in Virginia were Mother Mary Featherston, State Supervisor, Virginia No. 2, and Mother Fannie Mann, State Supervisor, Virginia No. 3.

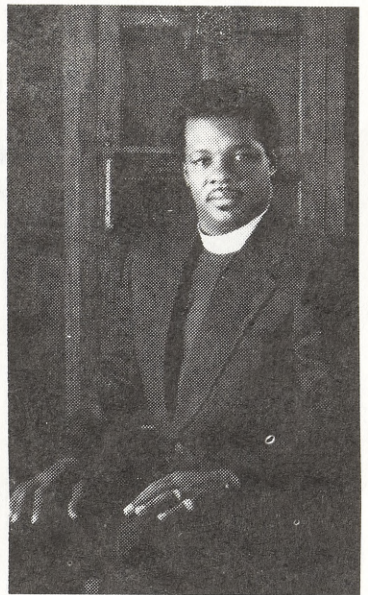


BISHOP E. H. MOORE

Tennessee on November 12, 1969, making it possible for this certificate to be issued evidencing certain benefits for the people as are listed in the Articles of Administration.

There will be representatives in the booth to serve you also there will be representatives from all over the country. From Headquarters will be Arcie Harris and Lorene Newsome. Others include Elder Henry Darcus, Virginia Beach, Va., Elder Ray Anderson, Lubbock, Tex., Missionary Oneda Gamble, Lawton, Okla., Della A. Johnson, Las Vegas, Nevada, Remon Jackson, Harvey, Ill., Wanda K. Scott, Wichita, Kansas.

would RECOGNIZE IMMEDIATELY that the above-stated subject expresses the very essence of the theme of REV. JESSE L. JACKSON'S speeches throughout the democratic presidential primaries of 1984. Rev. Jackson would INDICATE something



ELDER WILLIAM WATSON

Elder William Watson of Lovett, Texas, was appointed State Bishop of Texas, Northwest. He succeeded the late Bishop Alexander. Elder Watson was consecrated to the office of bishop on Friday, March 2, 1984, by the Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson and members of the General Board. This great service was held at the Trinity Church of God in Christ in Lovett, Texas. This information was made available by Bishop P. A. Brooks, Chief Adjutant to the Presiding Bishop.

ELDER LEADS WAY

Elder Clarence Cranford, Jr., has joined St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as its first intern in clinical pastoral education. Elder Cranford is a member of Fireside Church of God in Christ and a student at Memphis Theological Seminary. In his internship, he will work for a year with patients and their families under a program coordinated with the Memphis Institute of Medicine and Religion.

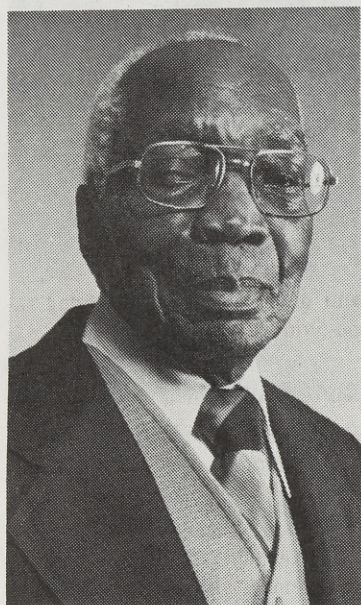
The institute makes clinical pastoral education available to clergy and seminarians. Also, it provides supervised pastoral ministry to patients, families and staff of participating hospitals.

SUPPOSEDLY OR ALLEGEDLY NEGATIVE in President Reagan's administration, BUILD UP the supposedly or allegedly negative, and then CONCLUDE with the affirmation that there MUST BE a CHANGE because there MUST BE ANOTHER WAY of doing it. And, many citizens were either INSPIRED and TURNED ON or DEPRESSED AND TURNED OFF by this SEEMINGLY unique expression by Rev. J. Jackson throughout the democratic presidential primaries.

But, without daring to take anything creative away from Rev. Jackson, we MUST SAY that there was nothing completely new about the concept CHANGE and OTHER WAYS of doing things. Because similar ideas were in the messages of THE PROPHETS OF OLD, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, and THE APOSTLES OF JESUS. In fact, the VERY ESSENCE of Jesus Christ's

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BISHOP FRANK CLEMMONS CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY



BISHOP F. CLEMMONS

Bishop Frank Clemmons, pastor of the First Church of God in Christ located in Brooklyn, New York, celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday, September 8, 1984. A grand celebration was sponsored by Brother and Sister Matthew Barrett, members of First Church. They gave it as an expression of their love and respect for this man of God. The celebration was held in the spacious fellowship hall of First Church.

Coming to Brooklyn from Little Washington, North Carolina in the early 1920's, young Frank had a burning desire to accomplish true ministry for the Lord. Elder Clemmons, along with his family and a few friends, was led of God to start a little mission; there were not any Churches of God in Christ in Brooklyn at that time. They opened a little mission and called it Brooklyn Number One. From this little mission, the grand old Church of God in Christ was started in the eastern part of New York. The church spread to Long Island and across the eastern part of the state. Brooklyn Number One proved to be a seed bed for the whole area.

During the ninety years of his sojourn, Bishop Clemmons has reached out and served many. As a youth, he answered the call of the military and became a soldier during World War I. Before entering the service, he also answered the call to the ministry. After being discharged from the army, he came north where he has pastored to the present. He was consecrated to the office of bishop in 1959 by the late Bishop O. M. Kelly. He was then appointed State Bishop of Vermont. He also served as District Superintendent and worked with the State Advisory committee.

The birthday celebration presented the Eastern New York Jurisdiction with an opportunity to remember Bishop. The many family and friends gathered on Saturday, September 8, to share in this birthday celebration. Dr. J. C. Haynes, pastor of the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ in Hartford, Connecticut, gave the birthday address. His theme was "How Old Art

Thou?", taken from Genesis 47:8. The speaker gripped and held the attention of everyone as he challenged our hearts through the word of God, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Seated with the honoree at the dais were Mrs. Frank Clemmons, his devoted wife, Bishop F. D. Washington, Jurisdictional Bishop of Eastern New York, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Haynes, Mrs. Bessie Kelly, former first lady of the state, and Mother I. G. Glover. Family members included Bishop and Mrs. Ithiel Clemmons, the honoree's son and co-pastor of First Church, Mr. Maxwell Clemmons, and Dr. Joseph Clemmons, Sr., who pastors in Norwalk, Connecticut. Along with his children, Bishop Clemmons had many special invited guests such as Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Denby of Concord Baptist Church and Mrs. Silvia Couze, the aunt of Civil Court Judge, Robert Couze. The Elder Gary Rhett was the master of ceremonies. He was accompanied by his wife. There were friends and well wishers from North and South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, and other states.

Other notable persons listed among the guests were Elder David Hall, the COGIC Publishing Board Representative of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Fanny Stanback Green of Pittsburgh, Penn., Mrs. Florie Flannigan of St. George, S. C., and Mr. Cecil Burley of Tulsa, Okla. Local guests included Elder C. Wilbert Daniels, President Emeritus of

the State Y.P.W.W. along with Mrs. Daniels and their son, Dean Burks of the O. M. Kelly Bible School, District Superintendent Thomas Burns of Bayside, N. Y., Elder J. T. Haynes, the pastor of St. Stephens COGIC, and District Missionary Jessie Turner. Jaunita Johnson and Mother Jessie Graham from East Orange, N. J., were also present.

After receiving citations, tributes, plaques, and many tokens of love and beautiful cards, a delicious birthday dinner was served. The menu consisted of mixed fruit compote, baked rock cornish hen with herb stuffing, steamed fresh string beans, buttered carrots, tossed curried rice, tossed vegetable salad, fruit punch, assorted home baked cakes, and a beautiful birthday cake. Amid the laughter and fellowship, the saints enjoyed this most excellent cuisine. The caterers were members of First Church. They were very glad to provide this service, considering it an act of love. A special thanks should be given to Brother Philip Harris, the head chef, Mrs. Elizabeth McCall, the assistant chef, Mrs. Lillie Scott, and the whole staff. The waiters were several young men of the church. Mrs. Olivia Brown, President of the Hospitality Group, and staff served as hostesses.

Following this occasion, the First Church will be celebrating our pastor's 60th year as pastor. We are looking forward to another blessed event in the life of our pastor, Bishop Frank Clemmons. Please include us in your prayers.

National Evangelist
Mother Edith Jones,
Special Events Reporter

14TH PENTECOSTAL WORLD CONFERENCE ZURICH, SWITZERLAND JULY 2-7, 1985

Convention Theme: "Jesus Christ, the Hope of the World."

Bishop Carlis L. Moody, President of the Missions Department invites you to travel with him to the conference. He has been selected to speak on Wednesday evening, the second night of the conference.

Plans are being made for those who wish to travel directly to the conference and return home, and for those who wish to tour. Those interested in going directly to Zurich will leave from New York on Monday July 1st and return at the end of the convention. Those interested in the fifteen day tour will leave New York on June 26th, visit Israel for five days, then continue on to the conference, and spend three days in Rome, Italy after the conference.

The cost for each of these tours are:

The direct trip to the conference-\$1349.00*
The fifteen day tour and convention-\$1949.00*

Prices are based on double

occupancy and include the following:

-Round trip air fare from New York.

-Deluxe and first class hotels with private bath.

-Biblical tours and sightseeing tours.

-All transfers between airports and hotels.

-All portage and baggage handling for two pieces of luggage.

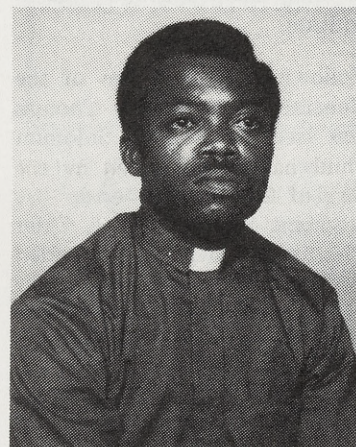
-All local taxes and service charges for meals and accommodations (Tips not included).

A deposit of at least \$200.00 should be sent immediately to Peoples Travel - 7150 Gunnerson - Chicago, Ill. 60656 or to Department of Missions - P.O. Box 491 - Memphis, Tenn. 38101.

*Add on fare from various cities if NOT included in price. Please secure reservations.

MISSION REPORT

GOSPEL PREACHED IN TURKEY



ELDER D. M. SANDERS

I am an ordained minister in the North Carolina 2nd Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, where my Jurisdictional Bishop is J. H. Sherman, Sr. As a member of this jurisdiction and as a pastor of the Light of Damascus Church of God in Christ, the Lord has richly blessed me by allowing me to serve him actively.

I am a non-commissioned officer (NCO) in the United States Air Force, where I work as a supervisor in the Accounting and Finance Office.

Months ago I received an assignment from the Air Force that ordered me to an unaccompanied fifteen (15) month tour to Ankara, Turkey. Even before I arrived in Turkey, I had been warned: 1. Turkey is a Muslim country. 2. In Turkey, Christianity is frowned upon. 3. In Turkey, gospel preaching is improbable if not impossible.

My initial reaction to these warnings was, "Lord, what is going to happen to me? How can I serve You in THAT land?"

Upon my arrival at Ankara, the warnings seemed to be founded and to be reinforced by my new-comers orientation briefings. Time and time again, I

was reminded that I am "in a Muslim country" and "no RELIGIOUS POSTULATING is permitted."

Although I did not hear God calling me to martyrdom, I was a bit confused. Yes, I knew Romans 8:28 - "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Yet I reasoned, "I've been CALLED to preach, but what am I doing in Turkey?" My prayer became, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

A few weeks later a sergeant approached me. "Are you a preacher?" he asked. I replied, "Yes." While conversing with Sergeant Jarrell, he told me that the base would celebrate "Black History" and the base wanted a GOSPEL SERVICE on Sunday. I was introduced to the base chaplains and I was asked to preach at the Gospel Service. I was overjoyed and I cried to God, "Thank You Jesus!"

Days after that service and after God's message, "I'M NOT TURNING BACK," a young man told me, "I want to accept Jesus in my heart." As we prayed, God saved that precious soul.

Since coming to Turkey, God has enabled me to teach and preach His gospel on and off the military installation. I was recently named the Full Gospel Services Coordinator and yes...now, I preach in the base chapel every Sunday afternoon.

God is healing and saving in the country of Turkey.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to HIS PURPOSE." Romans 8:28.

ST. THOMAS THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The island of St. Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands is the location of a large number of churches. Many are distinguished as having been in existence for over a hundred years. Others may claim spacious auditoriums or modern electronic music or audio systems. But comfortable pews or air-conditioning or paved parking lots are not the true measure of the worth of a church. Quality is manifested in other terms.

An active church is "alive," a place where something is always going on, a place where things are always happening. The Pentecostal Church of God in Christ is a prime example of this kind of activity. In recent months the church has sponsored several revivals and special services, such as appreciation service for the

"First Lady" of the church, anniversary service, etc. The latest special event was the occasion of the Tenth Annual Women's Convention which took place from August 22 thru 26.

The convention was designed to encourage women to reach out and speak out with love, because our Lord Jesus Christ loves us. At each meeting the speakers offered direction for preparation for greater service in the power of God. Sister H. M. Lewis, Women's Supervisor, called on the women to make "A choice, choose higher ground" as she spoke from her heart.

Another area focused upon the need for more fellowship between churches. Many speakers referred to the blessings

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READERS WRITE —

HOLY SPIRIT by Evangelist Ardella Portis

When Adam disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, his disobedience caused a breach between man and God. God sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden into the world where they knew suffering for the first time. You see, there was nothing but peace and happiness in the Garden.

God sent his beloved son Jesus Christ who became the repairer of the breach. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. His death reconciled God and man, bringing man back into fellowship with God. Jesus' death on the cross paved the way for man to have eternal life by accepting Christ (I John 5:11, 12).

When a child accepts Christ as his personal Saviour (St. John 1:12) he is saying to the world that Christ died for his sins, was buried and rose again (I Cor. 15:3-4). Salvation is the gift that is given to the child that believes (Eph. 2:8-9).

Everlasting life is promised to the child who believes: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that WHOSOEVER (man, woman and child) believeth in him, should not PERISH but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The child who receives Christ is promised by the word of God that he will receive the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:39). When children are taught to receive Christ, it is no problem for them to receive the Holy Ghost. John, who baptized by water, told of one to come who was greater than he: Christ! Also, that Jesus Christ would baptize believers with the Holy Ghost and fire (Matt. 3:11).

As teachers, our duty is to lift up Jesus to the children. Jesus said, if I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me (St. John 12:32). All men includes boys and girls.

Paul told Timothy, "to continue in the things which he had learned because from a child thou has known the scriptures which is able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3:15). So, we are admonished to teach children about Christ at an early age.

It is important for the teacher to follow the scriptures as it relates to children. Jesus said suffer the little children (ages 3-5) to come unto me (Mark 10:13, 14). Matthew referred to little children ages 6-8 (Matt. 19:13-15). Luke did not leave out infants (from birth to 2 years of age) (Luke 18:15-17).

Children should be taught from the time they are born into a Christian family that Jesus loves them. The junior child from ages 9-11 is referred to as a lad (St.

John 6:9). Children of this age are ready to break the bonds of home and school. They are full of energy and want to spread their wings. When this type of child has been molded by the love of God, he can be used by God at an early age.

The need for evangelizing today's child for Christ is great. In today's time of religious renewal it is necessary to have spirit-filled teachers trained in reaching the children for the kingdom of God.

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A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF MISSIONARY MAGGIE L. MITCHELL



Missionary Maggie L. Mitchell was born in Butler, Alabama. In 1939, Missionary Maggie L. Mitchell received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, under the leadership of Elder Keal. Following this baptism, she was called to the missionary field, and moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1945.

Missionary Maggie L. Mitchell was a member of Williams Temple Church of God in Christ for one year, then the Lord lead her to start a house to house prayer service; at that time there was not a Church of God in Christ on the Westside at all. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, through this prayer service in the home.

The Lord afterwards revealed to Missy. Maggie L. Mitchell that He wanted her to build Him a house that He would take pleasure in it, and He would be glorified.

Elder John Banks appointed Missy. Mitchell as Church Mother over the mission. Later, Mother Lola Young gave Mother Mitchell a Missionary license.

In 1955, Elder Cantrell became the pastor of Garden of Prayer Church of God in Christ; this is the first church that Missionary Mitchell founded. We thank the Lord for the second church that the Lord founded through Missionary Mitchell, here on the Westside of Cleveland, Ohio,

which is the Reformed Church of God in Christ.

I thank the Lord for three outstanding scriptures, which He has given her through revelation. These outstanding Scriptures are: Hebrews 11:25-27; Philippians 1:12 and Galatians 6:9.

She thanks the Lord because of His mercy. He has blessed her to be able to see this much of her mission being fulfilled, as she has come this far by faith. Missionary Mitchell would remind us that we must also say that God is good, and His mercy endureth for ever.

MASSIVE STARVATION IN ETHIOPIA

We all have seen the photos of little children huddled together, while looking hopelessly about themselves for love, food and reassurance. In early October, the story of the massive starvation currently happening in Ethiopia resurfaced. The political and financial circumstances in this Biblical land have caused thousands to starve. The drought stricken countryside is home to countless people near death. If something is not done soon even greater starvation will occur.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar asked that international relief be increased because hundreds are dying daily from the starvation. In the northern Ethiopia the provinces of Tigre, Wallo and Eritrea the drought is devastating. Christian relief organizations estimate more than 1,000 people are dying from starvation each week.

The problem is one that modern mankind thought was a thing of the past. This famine is all too much a part of the present. Think that nearly 10 million Ethiopians face starvation within six months is unnecessary and a sin. Support must be increased! The church relief groups are hard pressed to do more. The people must act.

UN Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar commented, "the critical food shortage in Ethiopia and the ominous prospect that vast numbers may die require that the international community act quickly and in a coordinated manner."

U.S. officials in Washington, D.C., have committed nearly \$44 million in emergency food relief. Saints, these are hard times everywhere. Should your local church, charity or Christian relief fund contact you, by all means give your support. This is an act of ministry; the rich man in the Bible refused Lazarus. He burned in hell for his lack of compassion. Let us show the real Christian spirit.

HOW'S YOUR MENTAL HEALTH? by Mary A. Kennedy

"Blessed are the meek," said Jesus, "for they shall inherit the earth" (Mt. 5:5). We often think that a meek person is someone who is mild and submissive. But the Biblical use of this word refers to an awareness of who we are in relation to God. A truly meek person knows that he is nothing but God is everything; a meek person is aware that his righteousness is worthless but God's righteousness leaves no room for condemnation. And a meek person will have a healthy self-image.

Many of the emotional problems that cripple Christians are rooted in a poor self-image. If you see yourself as inadequate, ugly, or weak, you don't know who you are as a child of God. If you frequently tell yourself that you aren't as good, as talented, as strong, as popular, or as influential as someone else, you don't appreciate the work that God is doing in you.

And if you have attitudes like these about yourself, your attitudes toward other people will reflect your discontent. You will show jealousy when you feel that others are better than you are. Fear and insecurity will emerge when you feel that your position, ministry, or goals are threatened by people stronger than you are. If you consider yourself helpless in the face of difficult circumstances, you will display anger and frustration. Your life will be full of tension and stress if you are constantly trying to prove your worth.

When these attitudes are a part of your life, it will be hard for people to see Christ in you. And it will be almost impossible for you to enjoy the richness of life that God wants you to have.

But here is the gospel, the good news of salvation: You can see yourself as God sees you when you are secure in Him. He knows all about your good points and bad, your potential and your problems--and He loves you anyway. You must learn to see yourself in that same way so that you can be free to rejoice in the Lord and free to share the gospel.

Be truly meek! Know who you are, and let your new self-image be based in the Word of God. You were a sinner, but now you are saved by grace. This is the exciting miracle of salvation: old things are passed away, including that carnal and negative self-image.

Perhaps you were told all your life that you were inadequate, worrisome, ugly, or worthless. But hear now the voice of the Lord as He gives you a new self-image in Him. You are capable, fully able to do everything that you need to do, as you abide in Christ (Phil. 4:13). You are precious and delightful in the sight of the Lord; He is so happy when you are in His will that He sings

songs about you (Zeph. 3:17). You are more and more beautiful, in every way, as you grow in meekness, for He has promised to beautify you with salvation (Psalm 149:4). And He has given you very special talents and gifts, so you are needed to do your part (I Cor. 12:12-18.)

Ignore the devil when he tempts you to stray from an attitude of true meekness. You don't have to prove anything to anyone; just be who you are in Christ, and He will exalt you in due season. You never need to feel inferior to someone else when you are doing all that God has told you to do. You can never afford pride in yourself, or boastfulness, because you know that all glory belongs to God. And your self-worth can never be based in what you have, but in who you are.

Keep reminding yourself that you, as a saint of God, are a joint-heir with Jesus. You have access to everything that is in glory. Your heavenly Father loves you so much that He is eager to give you all that you need; stay meek--remember who you are, and who your Father is--and He will do what is best for you.

The most important thing in this life is for you to maintain your relationship with God; don't allow anything to come between you and Him. Then when you trust Him enough to learn to see yourself as He sees you, you will be happily meek. And the day will come when you, with your brothers and sisters in Jesus, will inherit the earth: You will never again be in subjection. You will no longer be oppressed by sin and its manifestations. And you will be free in the gloriously full knowledge of who you are, and who God is.

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HOLINESS IS GOD'S FIRST AND FINAL CHOICE

by
Bishop W. A. Patterson

Bishop W. A. Patterson is one of the great Pastors of our time. His gift of providing thought provoking sermons has been an ear mark of his almost sixty years of ministry. Please read this sermon and enjoy its balance, depth and profound message in outline form.

I THESSALONIANS 4:7-8:

"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, But God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit."

SUBJECT:

"HOLINESS IS GOD'S FIRST AND FINAL CALL"

"HOLINESS:" PSALM 93:5:

"Thy testimonies are very sure: Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever."

"HOLY:"

That which is regarded with reverence because it originates and comes from God;

Having a divine nature that sets us apart to do divine work and to give divine service.

"BECOMETH:"

To be appropriate; to be fitting; to be suitable; to be pleasing; to be attractive.

IN LEVITICUS 19:1-2 IT TELLS US WHAT GOD SAID:

IT READS:

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be Holy: for I the Lord your God am Holy."

PSALM 89:34-35 TELLS US THAT GOD WOULD NOT MAKE MANY CHANGES. HE SAID:

"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Once have I sworn by my Holiness that I will not lie unto David."

NOT ONLY WAS HOLINESS AN OLD TESTAMENT DOCTRINE, IT IS ALSO THE NEW TESTAMENT DOCTRINE.



BISHOP W. A. PATTERSON

IN ST. LUKE 1:73-75 WE READ:

"The oath which He sware to our Father Abraham,

That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

In Holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."

TITUS 2:11-12 SAYS:

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly, in this present world."

IS HOLINESS GOD'S CALL FOR US TODAY?

I THESSALONIANS 4:7-8 SAYS:

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I PETER 1:15-16 GIVES US TO KNOW THAT GOD REQUIRES THE SAME UNDER GRACE THAT HE DID UNDER THE LAW.

I PETER 1:15-16 SAYS:

"But as he which hath called you is Holy, so be ye Holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, be ye Holy; for I am Holy."

HEBREWS 12:14 SAYS:

"Follow peace with all men, and Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

JURISDICTIONITIS AN INFLAMMATION OF THE JURISDICTIONAL EGO

by
Julia M. Burton

I came to a body fifty years ago, a tiny girl, in Texas; the word, jurisdiction, was not in my vocabulary, but, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord," was in my heart. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," was also in my heart, and "by one blood made He all nations" was a taught precept, exemplified.

I am appalled to witness the cold treatment received, when asked, "what jurisdiction do you belong to?" Yes, I too feel that in our progressive stages, we should feel Godly proud of our accomplishments, but not to the extent of selling our brother or sister down the river, because he or she does not belong to "my jurisdiction."

Webster says, that a jurisdiction is a territory over which one has authority; it is, is an inflammatory disease, carrying pus, an abscessed sore, communicable by contact, easily spread, usually contagious. Jurisdictional, only means involving the jurisdiction. Ego, The self; individual person (or) personality. Inflammation, unnatural, condition of body parts, inflamed, showing swelling, pain, and heat.

Our territory: Christ, the solid rock, our personality, carrying the attributes of the Father and the Son. Our (itis) our inflamed condition; lovers of our ourselves, covetous, proud, boasters, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. Having a form of Godliness, but, denying the power thereof. Yes, the first law of nature is "self preservation," but the first law of salvation is "self mortification."

It is with pleasure that I serve under the leadership of some spiritual "giants", Bishop C. L. Anderson and Bishop C. L. Moody, each reaching out with Godly fear and love to humanity, regardless of "jurisdictional" status. I also serve under another great leader, the Reverend Isaac Morgan, administrative assistant to the eminent Bishop Ivor F. Rowe in Jamaica. I see these two reaching out, Pastor Morgan serving unreservedly the community of Grand Rapids, Michigan, despite church or non-church affiliation. Bishop Rowe, with whom I serve



SUPERVISOR J. M. BURTON

as supervisor to the department of women, reaches out to Jamaica. At present he is involved in getting wheelchairs, walkers, medical supplies, crutches, etc., not just to our body of baptized believers, but to "people" in need, in hospitals and nursing homes.

Considering our own presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, who has the burden of every jurisdiction upon his shoulder; what a sad situation we would witness if our own presiding bishop would say, "because you are not of a particular jurisdiction, I refuse to acknowledge you or to have any dealings with you," every one of us is a part of the "whole." We have been taught "where there is unity, there is strength;" and "behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The apostle Paul said to the church at Corinth, "I have fed you with milk and not with meat; for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal; whereas there is among

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: THREE PASTORS' VIEWS

by
Delores Johnson

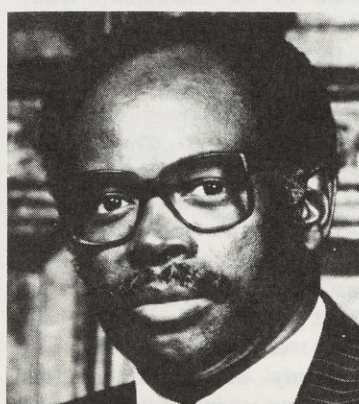


PASTOR
GEORGE D. McKINNEY, Ph.D.

Gang recruiting, over-crowded classes and insufficient supplies are only a few of the many problems which parents of public school students must face. A viable option open to concerned Christian parents is to place their children in private institutions.

Three schools dedicated to the ideology of Christian education are: St. Stephen's Christian School, San Diego, Calif.; Childs Memorial Christian Academy, New York, New York and Faith Christian Academy, Evanston, Illinois.

St. Stephen's Christian School

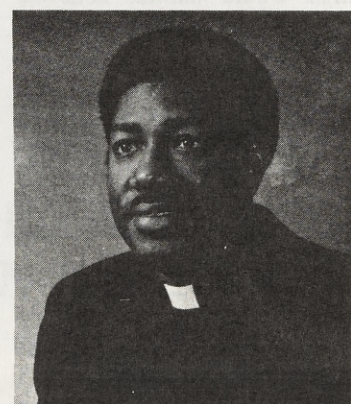


PASTOR N. N. QUICK

accommodates grades kindergarten through 12th, and is pastored by Dr. George D. McKinney. Dr. McKinney started the school five years ago "to fulfill one of the responsibilities or missions of the church, 'to train up a child in the way he should go...' The public school trains children to be humanists rather than Christians."

He defines a Christian education as the process of learning how to live according to God's design as opposed to merely learning how to make a living.

However, Rev. Norman Quick,



BISHOP CARLIS L. MOODY

who heads Childs Memorial Christian Academy, describes a good Christian education as "a well-rounded academic and physical program with due notice taken of the Divine presence in the history of the world."

Childs Memorial teaches grades kindergarten through 6th. This school was started, said Rev. Quick, "because it was needed as an alternative to public school which have constantly deteriorated."

Bishop Carlis Moody started Faith Christian Academy in

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you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man; I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase, Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's building, ye are God's husbandry."

The Jews were descendants of Judah. In distinction from the ten tribes, the Israelites formed by far the large portion of the remnant of the covenant people. Paul was appropriately called a Hebrew, and still later the terms Hebrew and Jews were applied with little distinction. The Samaritans were colonists brought in by king Assyria in place of the departed Israelites. Their schism, headed by Jeroboam was not religious, but political and his objective was to separate Israel, not from God, but from Jerusalem. But separate from "Jerusalem," and you automatically separate from God, because it is the "holy city." The first discord between Jews and Samaritans was launched, because the charge of a right to build belonged to others and Samaritans had no

part in it. The Samaritans wished to join with the Jews, but were called adversaries. The relation between Jew and Samaritan was one of hostility. The Jews repaid hate with hate, social and commercial relations, though not stopped, were reduced to the lowest possible figure. Samaritans were literally cursed in their synagogues. From this lineage came Sanballat of Nehemiah's day, whose spirit is yet at work in our present age.

Jurisdictionitis, reacts as the Samaritans and Jews reacted with one another, the woman at the well stated, "for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." Jesus said, "if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." Jesus' dialogue with the woman continues with, "woman believe me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither worship in this mountain, nor yet in Jerusalem, the Father. Ye worship ye know not what." We know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Gather seeketh such to worship Him." God is a spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

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1980 for similar reasons. He felt that there was a spiritual vacuum in the public school system. He adds, "with proper teaching staff and education, we (Christians) could give an alternative education which would be complete."

AS THE FIRST TEACHERS, PARENTS SHOULD HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP SELF CONTROL.

Consequently, all three pastors whole-heartedly agree that Christian parents should send their children to a Christian school instead of a public school whenever possible. A strong Christian education is especially important in the younger school years, contends Bishop Moody, because these are the years of formation of character.

Dr. McKinney feels that if a Christian school is unavailable, then the saints should build one. "But if this cannot be achieved, Christian parents should work with their children to counteract the humanistic influence of public school", advises Dr. McKinney.

Since God merely lends a child to his parents for a while, Rev. Quick says that saints play a vital role in the education of their children. It is his belief that parents should be continually present in the school to help maintain high academic and spiritual standards. Dr. McKinney thinks that parents should live a Christian life in the

home. He explains, "As the first teachers, parents should help children develop self control and respect for Christian teachers as extensions of the parents. Finally, parents should spend some time working with their children."

Christian parents, urges Bishop Moody, should encourage their child's prayer life, Bible study, academic achievements and parents should cooperate fully with each teacher. This is because a teacher can affect the student's concept of eternity. He further explains that as the teacher relates to a student, that teacher has the ability to bring the child into a relationship with Jesus and help the child in his or her Christian walk. But if a teacher is not a Christian, she cannot rightly relate Christian principles to the student and would not be able to help the child mature in Christ.

Moreover, each of the three Christian schools surveyed view discipline as an important factor. At Childs Memorial, discipline plays a large part in teaching children because Rev. Quick feels that very little progress can be made without proper emphasis on discipline. St. Stephens' headmaster agrees that there can be no learning without discipline, including corporal punishment. But Faith Christian Academy does not necessarily agree with corporal punishment although discipline, exerting control over student behavior, is viewed to be absolutely necessary.

On a more personal note, Pastor McKinney believes that there should be no prohibition against voluntary prayer in public schools because prayer is a positive influence on one's conduct. He thinks that the most important goal of a good education is teaching how to live, followed by academic excellence and, third, preparing the student for college. He views that role of higher education in a Christian's life as learning how to live and pursuing "higher education as far as God permits him. The knowledge of truth sets man free. God's desire is that man be set free to serve Him. An increase in knowledge and skills should mean an increase in responsibility for righteous service to God and man."

CHRISTIAN PARENTS SHOULD WORK WITH THEIR CHILDREN.....

Bishop Moody states that higher education in the Christian's life is a necessity if he or she is going to be actively involved in the world's activities. And if Christians are to set an example for the world, they should be as learned as possible. He also believes that prayer should be reinstated in public schools and ever more so in the home because "wherever there is concerted prayer, there is a positive effect."

At Faith Christian, pastor Moody has made academic excellence and spiritual development the most important goal. The second most important goal being, preparing students for a Christian college and third, preparing students for any college.

Rev. Quick concurs that academic excellence should be the most important goal of a Christian education. He ranked occupational preparation for any college third. But he is opposed to the reinstitution of prayer in the public schools. "I think most Americans believe prayer in school is unconstitutional," said Rev. Quick.

Thus, these three academic leaders know that a Christian education yields strong spiritual minds. Learning to adjust to the Christian walk in an everyday atmosphere, such as in school, can be a valuable asset during early child development. Rev. Quick sees the opening of a Christian school as a "fine opportunity to serve and well worth the required effort."

Advice that Bishop Moody would give to another pastor who is prayerfully considering opening a Christian school is:

1. Start at grades K-3 and build as the Lord provides staff.
2. Determine whether teachers must be Christian or not.
3. Set practical guides for staff and students.

Dr. McKinney's advice to other ministers is:

1. Consult a pastor who is an administrator of a successful Christian school.
2. See the school in operation

and understand the Biblical basis for it.

3. Teach your congregation why a Christian school should be built.

4. Count up the cost.

5. Proceed as God directs.

All in all, Christian schools are a definite advantage in the Christian community because children are the hope of the future and "a child saved is a soul saved plus a life."

PASTOR

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been important to Elder McNeely, and he credits his mother for much of his ability. She had a profound influence upon him.

Elder McNeely is a carpenter by trade. Though his father was a carpenter, Elder McNeely reflects that his skills were "self-taught." His dad did not take him under his wing and teach him the business. He struggled alone and accomplished the necessary skills to become a professional in the building trades.

When asked about his religious upbringing, one is surprised to hear Elder McNeely's reply. He states, "I was no wise religious." He was raised Methodist, but very little took root. His religious life has been a sojourn with holiness. He states that his conversion actually started two years before he was saved. He said that he had a dream and saw a giant angel with wings so large that they touched the ground. Something about this dream haunted him until he gave his life to Christ.

Elder McNeely met his first wife, Allie, in Galveston, Texas. God blessed them to be married sixty years. Allie passed away in 1973. Still full of life and very active in ministry, Elder McNeely married Missionary Minnie Perry. God has beautifully blessed them in their marriage. Mother Minnie McNeely is a seasoned saint and a worker for Jesus.

The pastorate of E. A. McNeely has been long and successful. His first pastorate was in Michigan City, Indiana. He pastored there for twelve years before going to South Bend, Indiana in 1934. He is presently pastoring the Church of God in Christ Temple and is in his 51st year. The Temple is the 'mother church' of the South Bend area. From E. A. McNeely's ministry has sprung many of the fine ministries currently in that area.

This is a special man of God! The whole Church should take time to reflect over this life. His life is symbolic of God's goodness to His saints. To Elder E. A. McNeely, we lift up the scripture found in Psalm 92:14.

"They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing."

CHANGE

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proclamation brought out TWO

THINGS: REPENTANCE OF SIN (CHANGE) and THE KINGDOM OF GOD (THE NEW way). So, whereas we ARE suggesting that Rev. Jackson's creative expression was NOT completely new IN SUBSTANCE, we are NOT suggesting the WAY Rev. Jackson used this common truth in politics was NOT new.

In fact, I should confess that I found Rev. Jackson's use of this theme in the democratic presidential primaries QUITE REFRESHING AND INSPIRING. And, I found it STILL INSPIRING at the democratic national convention. Possibly, such exhilaration in me might be due to the PREACHER in me. But, I do NOT expect for such RELIGIOUS THEME to be ringing in ALL political campaigns in the future, since most politicians will NOT be preachers. And, I should at least confess that I got a LIFT out of Rev. Jackson using that theme in the primaries and at the national convention.

But, however, I did NOT choose the theme merely to expose my exhilaration in hearing it resounding in the democratic presidential primaries and at their national convention. My basic concern was to indicate the similarity of that theme to what JESUS CHRIST proclaimed ages ago and to indicate that this theme could be applied to AREAS OTHER THAN the democratic presidential primaries of 1984.

For instance, this theme could even be applied to ANOTHER area of POLITICS in terms of the POLITICALLY ELECTED coming to the END of his/her term of election. Because it would indeed be tragic, if he/she served the full term but would NOT do some things in a CHANGED and DIFFERENT way in the next term if reelected. Granted that the FORMER WAYS were good enough to get him/her reelected to a second term, But, because one has been reelected to the SAME OFFICE does NOT mean that the former ways will serve well in the second term. Because SOME things were done in the first term as a TRY OUT, since there was nothing else to go by. SOME things might have been done a certain way with satisfactory results, but with a determination NEVER to do it that way again. SOME of the subordinates might have been misused or abused in doing a certain thing, which the elected official DARE NOT DO AGAIN unless he/she does NOT prize loyal subordinates. Thus, with a VARIETY of reasons for doing things certain ways in the FIRST TERM does NOT rule out the decision to do SIMILAR things in DIFFERENT ways in the SECOND TERM.

In fact, one should recognize that he/she has SINNED MIGHTILY in some respect or in some area in the first term. And, even though we certainly MIGHT NOT have sinned against the Holy Ghost (an UNFORGIVEABLE sin) in our political past, one should NOT be SO NAIVE as to think erroneously that one has NOT

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ST. THOMAS

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that come as different parts of the body join together. This was underscored by the attendance of visiting delegations from other congregations. They participated in addresses and special musical presentations.

The five-day schedule concluded with a luncheon on Sunday afternoon, and a special evening service with a "Banner March" and a "Rededicatory Service." The convention goals were realized as the ladies expressed their desire to move on to higher ground.

With his aspiring messages, the Reverend Victor Clark-Hinds of Barbados, West Indies, led a two-week revival from September 16 thru 30. He reminded the congregation that we can fool man but not God. Many were healed and delivered during the nightly services. He assured members of the church that based on his communication with God, he will assist in whatever way he can with the building of the new church, and that the Pentecostal Church of in Christ will always be his home of ministering whenever he visits the island of St. Thomas.

A Men's Fellowship Convention is planned for October 10 thru 14. Special recognition is due Pastor Joseph W. Lewis for his leadership in promoting these events. Recognition is also due his wife, Sister H. M. Lewis, who has been a pillar of support in every aspect of the church.

The church as a family has struggled with temptation, but with God's leadership, guidance and protection it has won victory over the enemy. God bless the Pentecostal Church of God in Christ in its endeavors for the Lord.

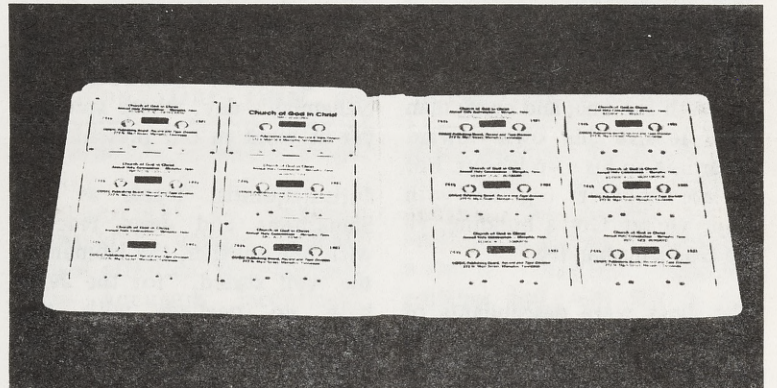
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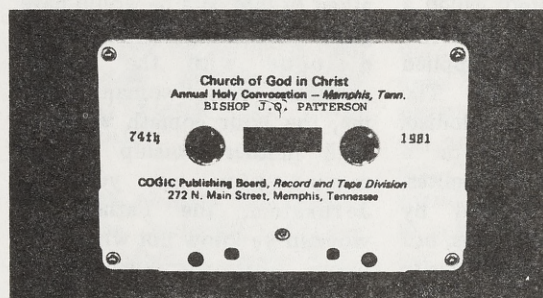
sinned politically at all. Because such conclusion COULD be the HEIGHT of political sin. In fact, such erroneous thinking about even the smallest political sin could lead to trying to ESCAPE CONTINUOUSLY from ALL of our past, political sins. Because once one starts DUCKING one's past in terms of one's

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SMALLEST sins, one will more than likely CATCH CABS when confronted with one's LARGER sins. Because FEAR of SMALL realities tends to make one SCARED TO DEATH of LARGER realities.

And, in addition to that, the PUTTING OFF of standing up to SMALL realities tends to give them TIME to grow up into LARGER realities. And, eventually, there will be NO MORE small realities, since they will have GROWN UP on us. Thus, it would appear that the ideas of CHANGE (REPENTANCE) and ANOTHER WAY (the KINGDOM OF GOD) as a FIRST OPTION would be the RIGHT ADVICE in this other political context as well.

POSSIBLY, the reason why I chose to apply the idea of CHANGE (REPENTANCE) and ANOTHER WAY (the KINGDOM OF GOD) to ANOTHER AREA OF POLITICS was because I really wanted to include this idea about Rev. Jesse Jackson INCARNATING this same theme during the democratic national convention when he spoke. Because Rev. Jackson KNEW that the END of his competition for the presidential candidacy was at hand when he spoke. And, Rev. Jackson "ALMOST" apologized to those who MISUNDERSTOOD him during the presidential primaries.

Now, I said "ALMOST" apologized because I do NOT think that Rev. Jesse Jackson had done them WRONG. And, I said "ALMOST" apologized because a GENUINE APOLOGY MUST be in a DECLARATIVE STATEMENT, such as: "I apologize for such and such WRONG." But, Rev. Jackson spoke through CONDITIONAL

SENTENCES, such as: "IF I did such and such things, THEN credit it to my HEAD and NOT my HEART. Because God ain't through with me yet."

On the ONE hand, I was GLAD that those who THINK that they were due an apology got that bit. And, on the OTHER hand, I was ALSO GLAD that Rev. Jackson did NOT apologize, since he had done nothing WRONG. But, even though Rev. Jackson did NOT use the words, Change and Another Way, the ideas were grasped in that "ALMOST" apology.

Again, for instance, this theme can also be applied the area of WORSHIP in terms of the meaningfulness of the music in our worship experience. Because it would indeed be REALLY TRAGIC if we went to the Lord's House EVERY LORD'S DAY and did NOT change to some extent and BEGIN to operate in some new ways under God, RELIGIOUSLY. Because our RELIGIOUS NEEDS probably have FIRST PRIORITY in fulfilling human needs.

For example, in our worship experience we often have HYMNALS from which we sing a VARIETY of songs. And, even if we do NOT have hymnals, we still sing a VARIETY of religious songs in our worship experience. Because singing songs is PART AND PARCEL of our worship experience. Thus, it is QUITE COMMON to hear a VARIETY of songs coming from a VARIETY of kinds of LORD'S HOUSES (Jewish, Muslim, Christian)—SOME from HYMANLS and SOME from MEMORY, SOME with the help of PIANO/ORGAN MUSIC and SOME done by VOICE ALONG (ACAPPELLA), etcetera.

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